

**INDIAN GAMING REGULATORY ACT
AMENDMENTS**

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1529, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to include provisions relating to the payment and administration of gaming fees, after receiving testimony from George T. Skibine, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy and Economic Development; and Philip N. Hogen, National Indian Gaming Commission, and Ernest L. Stevens, Jr. and Mark Van Nor-

man, both of the National Indian Gaming Association, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Paul S. Diamond, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 4019–4029; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 573–576, were introduced. **Pages H1483–84**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1484**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 574, providing for further consideration of H. Con. Res. 393, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2004 and 2006 through 2009 (H. Rept. 108–446). **Page H1483**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaHood to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H1373**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Don Aldo Brunacci of Casa Papa Giovanni in Assisi, Italy. **Page H1373**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Monday, March 22, by a ye-and-nay vote of 377 yeas to 35 nays with one voting "present", Roll No. 78. **Pages H1373, H1394–95**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Organ Donation and Recovery Improvement Act: Debated on March 23, H.R. 3926, to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 76; **Page H1393**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there is a need to increase awareness and education about heart disease and its risk factors among women: Debated on March 23, H. Res. 522, expressing the sense of the House of Represent-

atives that there is a critical need to increase awareness and education about heart disease and the risk factors of heart disease among women, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 77; **Pages H1393–94**

Multidistrict Litigation Restoration Act of 2004: H.R. 1768, amended, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow a judge to whom a case is transferred to retain jurisdiction over certain multidistrict litigation cases for trial, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 79; **Pages H1377–79, H1395**

Recognizing and honoring the United States Armed Forces and supporting the designation of a National Military Appreciation Month: H. Con. Res. 328, amended, recognizing and honoring the United States Armed Forces and supporting the designation of a National Military Appreciation Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting "nay" and one voting "present", Roll No. 80; **Pages H1380–81, H1440–41**

Lloyd L. Burke Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3059, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 304 West Michigan Street in Stuttgart, Arkansas, as the "Lloyd L. Burke Post Office", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 425 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 81; **Pages H1381–82, H1441–42**

Child Nutrition Improvement and Integrity Act: H.R. 3873, amended, to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to provide children with access to food and nutrition assistance, to simplify program operations, to improve children's nutritional health, and to restore the integrity of child nutrition programs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 82; and **Pages H1395–H1413, H1442**

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and supporting an International Geophysical Year-2 (IGY-2) in 2007-08: H. Con. Res. 189, amended, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and supporting an International Geophysical Year-2 (IGY-2) in 2007-08, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 420 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 83.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Thursday, March 25.

Community Recognition Act of 2003: H.R. 3095, amended, to amend title 4, United States Code, to make sure the rules of etiquette for flying the flag of the United States do not preclude the flying of flags at half mast when ordered by city and local officials;

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Bureau of Engraving and Printing Security Printing Act of 2004: H.R. 3786, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to produce currency, postage stamps, and other security documents at the request of foreign governments on a reimbursable basis;

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District of Columbia and United States Territories Circulating Quarter Dollar Program Act: H.R. 2993, to provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to honor the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

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Authorizing the President of the United States to agree to certain amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 254, to authorize the President of the United States to agree to certain amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank—clearing the measure for the President;

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Budget Resolution for FY 2005: The House began consideration of H. Con. Res. 393, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2004 and

2006 through 2009. Further consideration will continue on Thursday, March 25.

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The concurrent resolution was considered under a unanimous consent agreement reached on Tuesday, March 23.

Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Nick B. Bacon of Rosebud, Arkansas and Mr. Donald M. Cassiday of Aurora, Indiana to the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission.

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Select Committee on Homeland Security—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Chandler to the Select Committee on Homeland Security.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H1393, H1393-94, H1394-95, H1395, H1440-41, H1441-42, H1442, and H1442-43. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12 midnight.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Food and Nutrition Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Eric M. Bost, Under Secretary, Kate Coler, Deputy Under Secretary, both with the Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services; Robert Salazar, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service; Eric Hentges, Executive Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion; and Stephen B. Dewhurst, Budget Officer.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies held a hearing on Legal Activities; DEA; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: James Comey, Deputy Attorney General; Karen Tandy, Administrator, DEA; and Edgar Domenech, Acting Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.